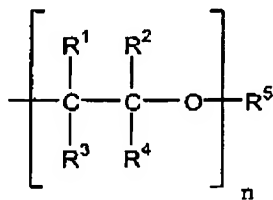


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**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Cancelled) .
2. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.
3. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.
4. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated unsubstituted benzyl alcohols, ethoxylated unsubstituted phenols, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol contains at least one aromatic ring and alkoxyate units of general formula I

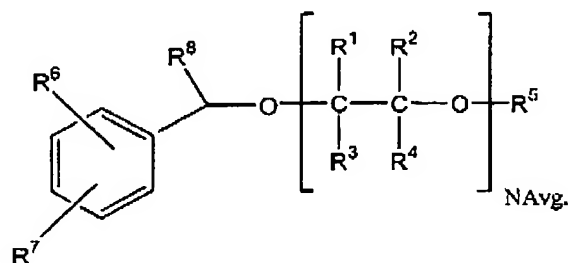


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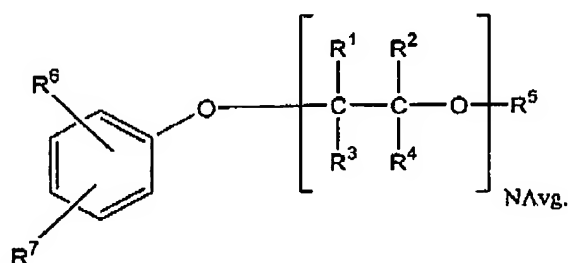
wherein: R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and methyl; R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or phenyl; and n is 2 - 10.

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6. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 comprising a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula II with a number average Navg. of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, and wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined for formula I, and R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl



7. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 11 comprising a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula III with a number average Navg. of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined for formula I, and R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl



8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A coating removal concentrate composition comprising two separately packaged parts to be combined and diluted with water prior to application on a substrate, wherein

Part A comprises:

- a. 75-90 wt% of an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol; and
- b. an amine; and

Part B comprises:

- a. an inorganic base, and
- b. optionally, chelating agents, corrosion inhibitors, thickeners, surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

12. (Original) The coating removal concentrate composition of claim 11 wherein Part A comprises 75-90 wt% alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component and 10 - 25 wt% amine component and Part B comprises 41 - 44 wt% inorganic base component.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~working~~ The coating removal concentrate composition comprising a mixture of the concentrate of claim 12 wherein the amine component comprises diglycolamine and Part B comprises a chelating agent. with water.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~working~~ The coating removal concentrate composition of claim 13, wherein Part A comprises 85.5 wt% alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component and 14.5 wt% diglycolamine and the ratio of A:B is 1:3 to 1:2.25.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

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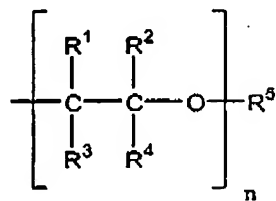
17. (Currently Amended) A coating removal composition comprising:
- a) water;
  - b) ~~an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol selected from the group consisting of~~  
ethoxylated unsubstituted benzyl ~~alcohols alcohol, and optionally~~  
ethoxylated unsubstituted phenols, ~~and mixtures thereof;~~
  - c) an amine; and
  - d) an inorganic base at a concentration of at least 10 wt% and not more than 30 wt%;

wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component is present in an amount from 4-15 wt% and the ratio of the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component to the base component is less than 1:1.

18. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.

20. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol contains at least one aromatic ring and alkoxyate units of general formula I



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wherein: R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and methyl; R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or phenyl; and n is 2 - 10.

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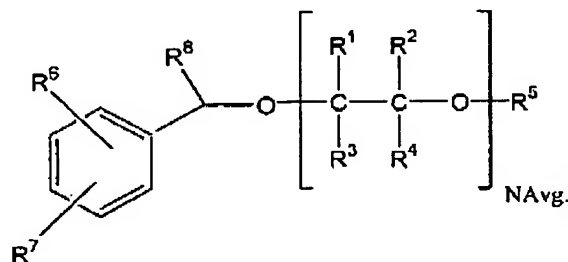
21. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the concentration of the amine component is at least 0.8 wt% and is not more than 3.4 wt%.

22. (Currently Amended) A coating removal composition comprising:

a) water;

b) an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol comprising:

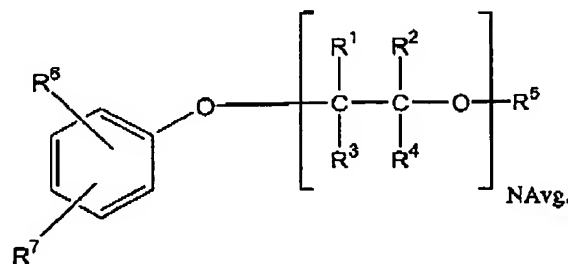
1) a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula II with a number average N<sub>avg.</sub> of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, and wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined for formula I, and R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl



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or

2) a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula III with a number average N<sub>avg.</sub> of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined for formula I, and R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl



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c) an amine at a concentration of at least 0.8 wt% and not more than 3.4 wt%;  
and

d) an inorganic alkali metal base at a concentration of at least 10 wt% and not more than 30 wt%;

wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component is present in an amount from 4-15 wt%, the pH of the composition is in the range of about 11 to about 14, and the ratio of the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component to the base component is less than 1:1.

23. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.

24. (Previously Presented) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.

25. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the concentration of the amine component is at least ~~0.8~~ 1.0 wt% and is not more than ~~3.4~~ 3.2 wt%.